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In re the application of: Lonnie O. Ingram, *et al.*

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REQUEST FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a five-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) in which to respond to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 27, 2002 (Paper No. 5).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$985.00 based on small entity status to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account. *For this purpose, a duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.*

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